

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a budget meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at ASPIRO – 1673 Dousman Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present:	Jesse Brunette, Pat Evans, Steve Fewell, Julie Knier, Pat LaViolette, Tom Lund, Pat Moynihan.
Excused:	
Also Present:	Ian Agar, Sunny Archambault, Judy Friederichs, Tom Hinz, Heidi Hietpas, Mary Johnson, Debbie Klarkowski, Andrea Konrath, Kevin Lunog, Sara Perrizo, Jerry Polus, Jill Rowland, Brian Shoup, Jayme Sellen, Lynn Vanden Langenberg, Judge Donald Zuidmulder. Supervisors Carole Andrews, Bill Clancy, Tom DeWane, Bernie Erickson, Mike Fleck, Dave Kaster, Jack Krueger, Mary Scray, Andy Williams, and Guy Zima. Media and Other Interested Parties.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Evans at 5:41 p.m. Chair Evans thanked everyone for attending and thanked ASPIRO for allowing the meeting to be held in ASPIRO's building.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Knier to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Approve//Modify Minutes of September 23, 2009:**

Motion made by Supervisor Lund and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **Review Minutes of:**

- a. **Aging & Disability Resource Center (September 24, 2009)**
- b. **Children with Disabilities Education Board (September 22, 2009)**
- c. **Human Services Board (September 10, 2009)**
- d. **Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee (October 13, 2009)**

Motion made by Supervisor Lund and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to receive and place on file the minutes, Items 4a-d. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Comments from Public:

Judge Donald Zuidmulder – Circuit Court

Judge Zuidmulder said he appreciated the opportunity to speak and explained that he was here to ask for continued support for the Drug Court. He reported that there are three people presently in the program; he expects another person on Friday; and there is a fifth person waiting for these services. He added that those persons are employed and are making payments to the Drug Court. He offered to report the status of the Drug Court to the Committee at any time and said he appreciates Brown County's past support.

Thomas Olejniczak – 1543 Fox Ridge Court, DePere

Mr. Olejniczak stated that he is President of the NEW Community Shelter. He said the funds received from Brown County serve those with co-occurring disorders, both mental health issues and alcohol and drug addictions. He reported that in 2008, 25 percent of the residents served have co-occurring disorders. The cost to provide the shelter is about \$300,000. There are four full-time social workers and one intake worker. He added that through September, 2009 the shelter provided 1,266 nights of shelter and served over 70,900 meals. Donation and grant dollars are less than in the past even though the number of individuals served has continued to increase. He concluded by saying the contract with Brown County is essential to continuing to provide quality services.

Nancy Ambrust – 1327 Oak Crest Drive, Ashwaubenon

Ms. Ambrust said she is appearing in support of the Healthy Families Program, which is a key component for the Community Partnership for Children. She explained that the Community Partnership for Children is new to the area and is a group of volunteers working with over 20 agencies in Brown County to help insure that the youth get a great start in the community. She said this organization works with all four hospitals and Healthy Families to assess every child born here; this helps connect families with needed resources at an early age. She explained that, although this organization is new to this area, it has been operating successfully for over 15 years in Hampton, Virginia, where there is documentation proving that long-term costs for foster care, teen pregnancies, and children not being ready to go to school have been reduced. She added that even though this is a tough time for budgets, the Committee should look at the value that certain programs add to the community. Ms. Ambrust added that this organization has no overhead and has already raised \$1.3 million. She concluded by saying she appreciates the opportunity to speak in support of the Healthy Families program.

Supervisor LaViolette asked the annual cost of foster care for a child. Ms. Ambrust said it ranges from \$14,000 to \$33,000 per year and said another organization here that does foster care reports a cost of \$3,600 per month.

Supervisor Evans questioned whether the \$1.3 million was already in the bank, to which Ms. Ambrust replied that approximately 90 percent was in the bank. When asked by Supervisor Evans to talk about the opinion that the private sector should be supporting these, she opined that collaboration is important. She added that "because of the government funding that has come through the County Budget, we've been able to secure the additional \$1.3 million."

Christopher Piepenburg – 2240 Sunrise Court, Green Bay

Mr. Piepenburg stated that he is the Manager of the Citizen Advocacy Program at ASPIRO, which has been in existence since 1977 to prevent the abuse of those with developmental disabilities and to insure their inclusion and dignity by matching them with a volunteer community member (citizen advocate). He opined that citizen advocacy is simple and inexpensive, but makes a huge difference in the life of an individual with a disability and with our community as a whole. He said the elimination of the funding from the County is threatening the community's ability to speak on basic human rights of those with disabilities. He reported that if Brown County eliminates the \$32,363 for this program, then Brown County eliminates the entire program. He brought signed petitions (copies in County Clerk's office) and showed a short video presentation concerning this program.

Connie Greenwald – 1901 Sandalwood Road, Abrams

Ms. Greenwald said she is a Citizen Advocate in the Citizen Advocacy Program at ASPIRO, and expressed that this relationship has enriched her life, her family's life, and her friends' lives. She opined that diversity in a community is an asset; and "not only has this been an awesomely wonderful addition to my life, it's also a great thing for our community." She referenced savings in professional guardianship fees (by advocates who become professional guardians) and savings in fees for those going to supervised apartments instead of group homes (because of the help of the advocate).

Kate Parizek – 5057 Westown Hall Road, Denmark

Ms. Parizek is the person for whom Ms. Greenwald is a Citizen Advocate. She opined that this is a wonderful program, and there is great care in matching the individual with the advocate. She said she knows that there are people waiting for advocates, so she hopes "you save the program."

Jennifer Alf – Teen Parent Program -1825 Riverside Drive, Green Bay

Ms. Alf thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak and said she supervises the Teen Parent Program through Catholic Charities. She distributed a packet including statistics and letters of support (see attachments) and reviewed this information. She expressed concern for the proposed budget cuts to this program. She stated that since a recent survey indicates that Brown County is not prepared to address the issues of teen pregnancy prevention, "it's our responsibility to provide services on behalf of the children when pregnancies do occur within our teen parent population." She added that by reducing funds for this program, it will cost more taxpayer dollars in the long run when the children of teen parents require future intervention. She also pointed out that research indicates that early intervention is the most cost-effective strategy for reducing risk-taking behaviors in the youth. She said the case managers help provide teen parents with the tools to become self-sufficient. She summarized the goals of this program: to prevent teen pregnancy through early education; to eliminate barriers to receiving a high school diploma or GED for teen parents; to prevent subsequent pregnancies to the teen parents; and to set goals in an effort for teen parents to reach self-sufficiency.

Supervisor LaViolette stated that she learned that Brown County had the second highest number of teen pregnancies in the state and wondered if that were still true. Ms. Alf stated that the most recent information available is from 2007, and Brown County had 304 registered teens.

Supervisor LaViolette thanked Ms. Alf.

Monica Zindler – Founder and Director of Marion House

Ms. Zindler said a transitional eight-unit apartment building has been recently built with no government funding; however, a federal grant was received to assist with the cost. She continued by saying Marion House receives services from the Catholic Charities Teen Parent Program, which offers an extension of case management and "really gives an incredible linkage to the community." She added that the residents from Marion House who work with the case managers from Catholic Charities "see them very favorably, and teens are not easy to work with." She opined that (1) not only does Catholic Charities have a great program, but also the right people in that program; and (2) Marion House and the teen moms in Brown County have benefited from it.

Kayla Pickard – 1031 University Avenue, Green Bay

Ms. Pickard introduced her daughter and said she wanted to express to the Committee how much Catholic Charities means to her and other teen parents. She explained that her parents were not supportive when she became pregnant, and the program offered acceptance and help with parenting classes. She opined that it is a good program that many others need, and stated that she wants to give back to the community because of the support she received.

Supervisor Zima asked if Ms. Pickard stayed in school. She said initially she did not complete high school, but received help and earned her high school diploma.

Supervisor Zima requested statistics concerning the goals to help teens complete high school and to prevent second pregnancies before the completion of high school.

Karen Johnston – Director of Catholic Charities

Ms. Johnston answered Supervisor Zima's request for information by saying there are several issues that impact this. She reported that there were 12 women targeted to graduate from high school, and all 12 graduated; there were several young moms who needed to work on obtaining a GED, and all completed the GED. In addition, there were several young moms who went on to

NWTC job training programs or who found employment in the community through assistance with Work Source Development or some other Brown County services.

Ms. Johnston added that during the 18-month term of the contract, there have been no subsequent pregnancies. She explained that it is difficult to do prevention when the women who are referred to this program are already pregnant.

Ms. Johnston went on to say investment in the lives of young people is a cost-saving investment in this community; and regardless of how people feel about the 304 teen births in Brown County, it is obviously an issue. She said Catholic Charities agreed to provide these services 18 months ago; because Catholic Charities believes that it has provided strong outcome-based services during the past 92 years. She added that the Catholic Diocese has contributed funds for services to parents with unplanned pregnancies.

Ms. Johnston said when it was learned that there was to be a 65 percent decrease in funding by Brown County, Catholic Charities began making preparations to notify Brown County that less funds would be needed; because Catholic Charities had previously made a commitment to the County to start obtaining funds from other sources. She reported that through the teens' dedicated efforts to support child care expenses, additional funds could be acquired. She explained that the cost of child care was the single greatest reason that young women could not graduate from high school. She noted that the proposed budget is \$63,000; and in 2009 the program spent \$61,000 in child care reimbursement expenses alone for days that the young women were in school. She said Catholic Charities would be willing to take an accepted lower amount in the budget, but it is difficult to reduce this amount of funding by 65 percent with 2 months' notice.

Ms. Johnston opined that the County would be making an unwise decision to reduce this funding; and she emphasized that she is confident that at some point it will not be necessary to come to the County for these dollars. She concluded by saying, "It's an investment in the future and it's one of those, kind of more crassly put, pay now or pay later kind of experiences...in the end I always say that any community is judged by what they do for the least among us, and that's the decision you all have to make."

When Supervisor Zima asked the number of teen pregnancies in 2008 and 2009 to date, he was told that the 2007 information is the most current information available from the State. When he asked why school districts did not provide this information, Ms. Johnston replied that not all of these teens are in school. Supervisor Zima stated that he is a strong supporter of the program and asked how many teens are going through this program. Ms. Johnston responded by saying there are 118 of those young mothers, and Healthy Families probably sees everyone who gives birth. Supervisor Zima noted that there are approximately 300 teen births in Brown County each year and asked about statistics concerning the percentages of individuals who completed high school, etc. Ms. Johnston stated that 300 births, which is simply a census number, are reported to the Department of Public Health presumably by the hospitals. She continued by saying not all of those come to the attention of any program; because some have parental support, and social services never has any involvement. She added that she felt the kids at risk are those who come through this program or Healthy Families or Department of Human Services; and that number is consistently around 115-120.

When asked by Supervisor Zima whether there were people not being served, Ms. Johnston indicated that this is voluntary program, and there are not people indicating that they are not being served. Supervisor Zima opined that there should be a contact for every pregnant teen, and that conservatives and liberals alike should come together on this. Supervisor Zima asked if Ms. Johnston had been told the reason for the cut in funding to this program; Ms. Johnston said she was assured that it did not have to do with the quality of service provided and, instead, because the County Budget was very tight and oftentimes it was human services that were cut.

Supervisor Zima asked the average cost of services, and Ms. Johnston said it was approximately \$927 per individual. Supervisor Zima referenced the cost of foster care previously mentioned in the amount of \$14,000 to \$33,000 per year per individual. Ms. Johnston explained that this amount for foster care would be for a child that does not have any special needs. Supervisor Zima said much more had been spent in the past for this program and it was effective years ago; and he said he still thinks it is effective.

When Supervisor Zima asked the budget of the program from Brown County, Ms. Johnston replied that right now Brown County provides \$183,000; and Catholic Charities adds approximately \$200,000 for services to young parents. The proposed budget reduction for 2010 is approximately \$120,000.

Supervisor Zima opined that Brown County has a County Executive problem repeatedly when it comes to teen pregnancy issues. Ms. Johnston replied that a lot of the services that will be presented at this meeting have merit; and she said it saddens her to know that human services has to take the brunt of budget cuts. She opined that this is not a lot of wisdom; it is about the young women trying to find quality of life in Brown County; and it is a bad message to send families.

Supervisor Lund said he appreciated that Ms. Johnston had appeared before the Committee with status reports, because the previous organization only appeared at budget time. Supervisor Lund asked Ms. Johnston if a 10-15 percent cut in funding from Brown County would be realistic without compromising services. He explained that he is an advocate of the program but is also very concerned about the budget. Ms. Johnston stated that a proposal was countered and she would make that commitment; but it is not easy to do in 2 months. When asked by Supervisor Lund, Ms. Johnston said the program "could live with a 10 percent cut; because I would find other resources to supplement that." Supervisor Lund opined that it is a good program, and he doesn't want to torpedo it.

When asked by Supervisor Fewell, Ms. Johnston replied that the counter-offer was a reduction of \$25,000. She added that this did not happen due to additional child care expenses that were critical to the graduation rate. She said, "Anything less than \$139,000,,,you may as well forget it and send that message to the community. But don't keep bringing this program back if you are not going to be committed to it long term."

Supervisor Krueger thanked Ms. Johnston for attending this meeting and said he was ashamed that Brown County has such a high rate in the number of teen pregnancies. He asked where the community is failing to intervene earlier. Ms. Johnston replied that if women have good self-esteem, good support from the community, and a strong dose of abstinence there are not subsequent pregnancies.

Mallory Tomasovich – APC Prevention Committee – 1825 Riverside Drive, Green Bay

When Supervisor Krueger said he was not specifically addressing Ms. Johnston's program and rather where the community was failing to intervene, Ms. Tomasovich responded. Ms. Tomasovich said this has been reviewed by the APC Prevention Committee; and it has been brought down to the parent's involvement in the child's life. She explained that her role on this committee is to identify where the community is on this issue; and she reported that the community is not ready to take on teen pregnancy prevention. She stated that because it starts with the parents, getting involved with these young parents and teaching them ways to build assets within their children could break that cycle.

Ms. Johnston added that part of the issue is a function of census—more younger families with children of child-bearing years. She said there are a lot of young families in Brown County right now. Supervisor Krueger added that he had learned that the average educational level of those coming into Brown County is 8th grade, which he thinks is critical. Ms. Johnston stated that there is an entire generation of young children coming into these families that could be helped.

Supervisor Krueger stated that he gets really upset when the community acts as a reactionary society.

Supervisor Clancy asked how many volunteers are in the program. Ms. Johnston stated that there are some volunteers and mentoring relationships are being established with some young families; there are also volunteers that assist with parent education and some who provide supplies for families. Ms. Johnston said without all of the organizations working together, the cost would be pretty high; and it has been shown that women who do not get the support at this level end up needing services from other programs. She said it is a vicious cycle.

Karen Recka – 5277 Survey Road, New Franken

Ms. Recka thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak regarding the proposed cuts to funding for Golden House. She said the shelter today is at capacity and has been for more than 115 days in 2009. She said it is expected that there will be over 460 people in shelter services and an additional 620 with counseling and advocacy services.

Ms. Recka stated that the possibility of a 21 percent cut in county funding for 2010 is quite daunting, and a decrease in funding from the State is anticipated as well. She continued by saying fundraising efforts prove more difficult every day, and Golden House is considering how services can be adjusted in response to this \$20,000 cut. She explained that \$20,000 to Golden House could be: decreasing the amount of time hotline services are available by 40 hours per week; or decreasing advocate time by 144 hours of legal advocacy support, which means not being able to help 72 people next year and delayed support to victims; or refusing services to over 144 individuals; or having services delayed due to lack of staff. She said the staff pay scale is pretty low; so when cutting \$20,000 in staff time, this means staff making \$9-\$13 per hour.

Ms. Recka concluded by saying the Board of Directors will continue to look for other funding; but Golden House needs to have Brown County continue its funding at the same level in order to continue its services.

Bill Evers – 704 N. Irwin, Green Bay

Mr. Evers distributed a handout entitled "Brown County Welfare Fraud" (copy attached). He said he has two issues; one is with the Fraud Department. He said Nan Pahl (Brown County Economic Support Serv. Unit Coordinator) wants to eliminate the Fraud Department "which investigates people who are stealing money from us."

Mr. Evers said his other issue pertains to the way people are screened. He stated that he has been to several meetings and suggested that Brown County force anyone collecting welfare to show a birth certificate. He said there is nothing in the law that says you cannot make individuals show birth certificates or prove citizenship. Mr. Evers then reviewed the information in the above-mentioned handout.

Brother Steve Herro – 1016 N. Broadway - DePere

Br. Herro read his letter to the Human Services Committee (copy attached).

Jackie Thiry – 1600 Rustic Oaks Ct. #8, Green Bay

Ms. Thiry submitted her position in support of the Catholic Charities Teen Parent Program in writing (copy attached) for the record.

Tom Martin – Family Services

Mr. Martin thanked the Committee and opined that there have been some remarkable stories tonight about human needs. He addressed the issue of child abuse and said from 2001 to 2007 the reports of child abuse have doubled in Brown County. He said the only way to get ahead of the problem is to prevent it and to protect children; and this past year he said a major public-private initiative was launched to protect children—the creation of the Child Advocacy Center. He thanked the Human Services Committee and the Brown County Board for its general and

financial support. He added his thanks to County Executive Tom Hinz and Human Services Committee Chairman Pat Evans for participating in the leadership group for this center. He reported that the closing date for this property is Friday, October 30; and construction should begin in January, 2010, with completion anticipated for early fall.

Mr. Martin explained that this center will educate children on how to protect themselves and offer a resource to parents, as well as offering leadership to a child-friendly child abuse investigation process. He added that at present children are re-victimized with repeated interviews; and this new facility would allow for videotaping of one interview, having one physical exam, and many times being spared from testifying in court. He said this is a big accomplishment made possible with community cooperation—leveraging public dollars to generate private support in the amount of \$2.5 million. He again thanked the Committee for its help and continued support.

Mr. Martin stated that the second reason he was speaking was to request the reinstatement of funds removed from Healthy Families Program and Sexual Abuse Counseling Services for abused children. He explained that investing in supporting high risk families and infant children has tremendous, proven, measurable positive outcomes in protecting children. He added that this community through the Department of Human Services offered leadership to the development of this service in the state of Wisconsin over a decade ago; and he expressed concern that now Brown County is eliminating services to protect vulnerable children. He said the best chance for recovery for those children who have been assaulted is to get professional help through sexual abuse counseling; and he opined that the Brown County needs to give the children access to that charity.

Mr. Martin concluded by saying on behalf of all the children in Brown County he respectfully requests that you support and protect them by replacing the funding for Healthy Families and Sexual Abuse Counseling.

Dan Robinson – 446 Cook Street, DePere

Mr. Robinson addressed the Committee and said he is here not just as a citizen of Brown County, but also as the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for the St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter and a member of the Housing and Homeless Coalition.

Mr. Robinson stated that he was here to speak on behalf of restoring the cuts to Golden House and the NEW Community Shelter. He said, "As earlier speakers have said, the health of a community is measured by how we care for those that are least among us. And I think the folks that are served by these two programs would certainly give us a good gauge of how we are caring for those in our community—how healthy our community is."

He opined that the information previously presented was very good; and as a member of the Coalition, he wanted to speak out in support of these two charities.

At this point, Supervisor DeWane requested that Chairman Evans ask County Executive Hinz to address the Committee and explain the reasons for the budget cuts.

Executive Hinz said through his entire career he has been a firm believer in prevention programs and listed the organizations with which he has been involved. He explained that work on the 2010 Budget began in August; the State had taken away over \$3 million in funding for Brown County; and at the same time, there was a 2 percent budget cap for spending. At this point there was a cushion of approximately \$150,000. There was a second round of cuts within the departments, which amounted to another \$1 million to make the levy. He said there was a cost savings of \$600,000 in jobs that were being unfunded. He said he believes that every penny saved in staff can be used for services in the community. He also indicated that Brown County's responsibility is to return tax dollars to the community in a fair and highly efficient manner. He said, "We don't take their money, we give them return in the services we provide them."

Executive Hinz reported that there have been changes since the budget preparation began in August, such as a change in rules from the State (which added funds to Brown County) and the hiring of a new Human Services Director in October. He stated that if money is put back into the budget, he wants it done wisely, prudently, and in a manner that is best for the community. He described county government as being sandwiched between the state taking away funds and the cities not providing services.

When asked by Supervisor DeWane, Executive Hinz stated that the revisions could not have been made prior because the budget was due October 1; and the adjustments surfaced in mid-October.

Supervisors DeWane and Zima asked Executive Hinz for his recommendation as to which organizations to re-fund. He said there was not one program that he felt was not warranted in the community. When Supervisor DeWane asked if Executive Hinz would recommend to restore all of the programs, Executive Hinz said he would look at it all with an open mind.

Supervisor Zima said, "As Chairman of the County Board, I have to ask you to be more responsible, Mr. Hinz; I have to ask you what would you specifically recommend...What is your recommendation now that you know you are not under those levy limits?" Executive Hinz stated that his recommendation would be to look at the figures to determine how the mill rate is affected and make a decision after that.

Supervisor Knier said she respected Executive Hinz's position. She stated that she supports all of the programs, but will not vote for a budget that raises the tax levy \$7 per \$100,000 of value. She opined that this is not responsible at this time when considering those who are unemployed. She said that although she will vote to restore the funding for these programs, she has been looking at other areas for funds. She opined that the delivery of human services is one of the most vital functions performed by county government.

Chair Evans stated that he is bringing a program to the Executive Committee next week that could save the County \$1,170,000. He continued by saying he supports re-funding all of these programs.

Concerning the Healthy Families reduction in the 2010 Budget, Supervisor Lund asked Mr. Martin how much of a reduction could be made without jeopardizing the program. Mr. Martin said last year there were 208 families served on an active basis; and another 660 families were identified as high risk families. He said in his estimation, movement should be made to address the other 660 families. Supervisor Lund noted that if this program were eliminated, there would be costs in other areas that far exceed this amount. Supervisor Lund said he is in support of the money for the program, and he thinks it would be better to reach out to these programs and work with them during budget preparation, instead of just cutting the funding.

Supervisor Fewell noted that what this Committee is restoring is the exact same amount as last year's funding for the programs. Since this is not an increase, in essence it is a cut; because costs are not going down.

Supervisor Moynihan stated that he is in support of this program and asked Mr. Martin about the statement Mr. Martin made concerning a recent infant death; Mr. Martin had indicated that if the family had been in their program, this death would not have occurred. Supervisor Moynihan asked how Mr. Martin could make that claim. Mr. Martin said this program addresses those issues that cause the family to be considered high risk; there are 15 different factors that are known to create a situation of child abuse. He continued by saying the majority of those factors can be addressed in the Healthy Families environment, and 99 percent of the children in this program have no substantiated child abuse or neglect reports. He said, "So I think you can pretty much assume that if you put most families in this kind of environment, the chance of a serious child abuse situation probably will be prevented." He added that 100 percent of the children in

the program are at appropriate developmental levels when starting school and have the necessary immunizations.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Knier to restore funding to Healthy Families in the amount of \$240,278. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Concerning the Sexual Assault Counseling at Family Services, when asked by Supervisor LaViolette, Mr. Martin explained that these funds are used for those children without any type of insurance to cover the costs.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Knier to restore funding to Sexual Assault Counseling at Family Services in the amount of \$20,000. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Knier to restore funding to the Teen Parenting program in the amount of \$119,654. Vote taken. Ayes: 6 (Brunette, Evans, Fewell, Knier, LaViolette, Lund); Nays: 1 (Moynihan). MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Knier to restore funding to Citizen Advocacy at ASPIRO in the amount of \$32,364. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Concerning the motion to restore funding to the Homeless Shelter, Supervisor Lund opined that if the Homeless Shelter did not identify individuals with mental health issues, then the clients could be placed in the hospital; and this would cost more. He said he thinks this would be money well spent.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Knier to restore funding to Homeless Shelter in the amount of \$20,000. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Concerning the motion to restore funding to Golden House, Supervisor Scray asked if a representative from Golden House had appeared before the Human Services Committee or the Human Services Board, to which Ms. Recka indicated that she could not remember a time that Golden House had been invited to speak. When Supervisor Scray was asked if this was her request, Supervisor Scray replied in the affirmative.

Supervisor Lund said the Human Services Board would like to hear from Golden House at least annually and submit quarterly reports; he said in 7 years, this has not happened. Ms. Recka stated that she would provide a quarterly report to the Human Services Board and the Human Services Committee (per Chair Evans' request) and would receive an annual invitation to appear. Supervisor Scray asked for additional details on the report: the steps taken upon a person's arrival; whether the person is a County resident; whether the person is referred by police or walks in; whether or not there is follow-up and what that includes.

Supervisor Fewell opined that these organizations would appear if invited, and continued by saying Brown County does \$60 million worth of contracted services with providers without asking those providers to give reports.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Knier to restore funding to Golden House in the amount of \$20,000. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Evans addressed the Child Advocacy Center and the funds provided in 2009 that would not be provided in the 2010 Budget. He outlined the services provided and opined that \$50,000 is a small amount for the services provided

Supervisor Lund said over \$2 million was raised in community funding; it is a public-private partnership. He opined that it is good for law enforcement services and the District Attorney; and it is important to the healing of the victims. He said he has been very impressed with those representing this project and the accomplishments thus far. He opined that \$50,000 is a small price to pay for something that should have been put in place years ago.

Motion made by Supervisor Lund and seconded by Supervisor Knier to restore funding to Child Advocacy Center in the amount of \$50,000. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUDGET REVIEW – REVIEW OF 2010 DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

Syble Hopp School

5. Review of 2010 Department Budget:

Motion made by Supervisor Fewell and seconded by Supervisor Knier to approve the Syble Hopp 2010 Budget as proposed. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Veterans' Services

6. Review of 2010 Department Budget:

Jerry Polus, Veterans Service Officer, reported that he was able to serve as guardian on the Honor Flight Program. He explained the program and said, "This was a life-changing experience."

Supervisor Moynihan asked about the reduction of \$13,000 in Support Services and what services would be affected. Mr. Polus said activity is up about 20 percent from last year. He said he cut some emergency service funds and found alternatives through veterans' organizations and St. Vincent de Paul.

Supervisor Lund asked about the new veterans' outpatient hospital. Mr. Polus reported that 30 sites were visited; and a decision had not been made yet. When asked about a timeline, Mr. Polus said he hoped to have an answer by the beginning of 2010.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to approve the Veterans' Services 2010 Budget as proposed. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Aging & Disability Resource Center

7. Review of 2010 Department Budget:

- a. Resolution re: Approving New or Deleted Positions during the 2010 Budget Process (Aging & Disability Resource Center):**

Sunny Archambault, Director of the Aging & Disability Resource Center, reviewed some of the major changes in the 2010 Budget.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Knier to approve Item 7 as proposed and Item 7a. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Health Dept.:

8. Review of 2010 Department Budget:

- a. Budget Transfer Request (#09-82): Increase in Expenditures with Offsetting Increase in Revenue (see attachment for details):**
b. Resolution re: Approving New or Deleted Positions during the 2010 Budget Process (Health Department):

Before discussing the highlights of the 2010 Budget, Judy Friederichs, Health Director, reviewed the status of the H1N1 virus and vaccine shortage.

When Supervisor Knier asked what Supplies Technology included, Ms. Friederichs explained that this was put in the budget by Information Services for an upgrade to the telephone system. Supervisor Knier reminded Ms. Friederichs of last year's conversation about the security in that department; Ms. Friederichs said the panic alarm system and the contract with Martin Security have been continued after some testing, so the funds to make changes had not be utilized.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Knier to approve Item 8 as proposed and Items 8a-b. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Human Services Department

9. Review of 2010 Department Budget:

- a. **Budget Adjustment Request (#09-89): Increase in Expenses with Offsetting Increase in Revenue (see attachment for details):**
- b. **Budget Adjustment Request (#09-90): Increase in Expenses with Offsetting Increase in Revenue (see attachment for details):**
- c. **Budget Adjustment Request (#09-98): Increase in Expenses with Offsetting Increase in Revenue (see attachment for details):**
- d. **Resolution re: Approving New or Deleted Positions during the 2010 Budget Process (Human Services Department):**

Brian Shoup, Human Services Director, introduced himself and reported that he had been in this position for 8 days. He recognized that this is a very difficult budget due to the economic times. He said he would like to engage some of the organizations in long-range planning, because he recognized that lack of lead time for budget adjustments is particularly difficult.

Mr. Shoup said he was impressed with the professionalism and objectivity of the management team concerning this budget process. He said the budget reflects Brown County's responsibilities to mandated programs; and after that, attempts were made to identify the cuts that could be made.

Supervisor Lund said he appreciated the new structure of the Budget itself and thanked Lynn VandenLangenberg, Director of Administration, for that. He continued by saying these are tough budget times, and Executive Hinz was between a rock and a hard place.

Supervisor Fewell informed Mr. Shoup that there is a draft budget made available in June, so advance notification is provided to the organizations at that time. Supervisor Lund informed Supervisor Fewell that the cuts in funding were not in the June draft, because the levy limit was unknown.

Supervisor Fewell asked Mr. Shoup about the Community Options Program; he explained that some companies no longer want to provide services to Brown County, because Brown County is underfunding some services. Supervisor Fewell continued by saying there is no increase in funding in that area for 2010 and expressed concern about maintaining providers. Mr. Shoup agreed that this is an issue and explained that these funds will be rolled into Family Care. Mr. Shoup said that one of the intents of Family Care is to provide better funding, and another is to eliminate waiting lists. He said contract agencies need to be viewed as long-term partners. Supervisor Fewell reported that Brown County has the lowest reimbursement rate for Community Options patients in the surrounding

areas. Jill Rowland, Contract & Provider Relations Unit Coordinator, said she has been told that Brown County is not meeting the costs of providers, and stated that during the past 2 years there has been an effort to work with those providers to see if costs are accurate. She continued by saying there has been discussion regarding the possibility of increasing the payments to those providers. When Supervisor Fewell asked how that would be accomplished in this budget, Ms. Rowland indicated that there are some funds there.

Supervisor DeWane expressed concern regarding the unfunded receptionist position; because this person is the first contact for those entering that building. Mr. Shoup said he looked very closely at that; because he felt it was an important position for the same reason. He continued by saying this department provides services for the most marginalized in our community; and "if anybody deserves the best customer service, it's the folks that we serve." He said he reluctantly agreed to accept this cut, and customer service training will be emphasized; however, if he is not satisfied with the result, he may be back with an alternative plan.

Supervisor DeWane questioned the elimination of the paraprofessional position; Ian Agar, Crisis System Coordinator, explained that the social worker position would be able to do more screening than the paraprofessional.

Supervisor Lund asked who the Community Services Director supervised. Mr. Shoup said there are three divisions: Business Division (managed directly by Mr. Shoup); Hospital/Nursing Home CTC (managed by the Administrator who reports to Mr. Shoup); and Human Services/Social Services Programs (managed by the Community Services Director who reports to Mr. Shoup).

Supervisor Fewell questioned the status of the position that does scheduling for alcohol assessments for the Department of Motor Vehicles. Kevin Lunog, CTP-Clinic Support Services Unit Coordinator, replied that the person who had been in that position posted into another position; and it took quite a while to fill that position. At the same time, there was a huge emphasis on drunk driving; so the staff was doing double duty.

When Supervisor Lund asked about the Case Manager position in Long-Term Support for Community Options Program and how workload would be handled, he was told that that position had been vacant and that the caseload never increased to support this position.

Regarding the motion concerning the Economic Support Services Department, Supervisor Knier said this department could be run more effectively with less dollars. Supervisor Lund asked if there would still be the needed supervision and was told that there would be. Sara Perrizo, Internal Auditor, reported that the savings would be \$19,349 annually. Supervisor Knier said this does not sound like a lot, but these are difficult times; and she is not voting for a budget that raises the levy \$7 per \$100,000.

Supervisor LaViolette asked if this was a recommendation from Human Resources. Debbie Klarkowski, Human Services Manager, stated that when she was informed that there would be a motion to eliminate the Economic Support Services Manager position, she was asked what Human Resources would recommend. She said it would make sense to take one of the Economic Support Supervisor positions, reevaluate, and reclassify the position so there is management over the entire area.

Supervisor LaViolette asked for Mr. Shoup's input. Mr. Shoup said he has been here a week and a half; and he requires a high level of accountability from his team. He said Economic Support is a large area, with over 50 employees, that covers at least three main areas of public assistance. He said this is a complex task. He continued by stating that he respectfully asks that if there are performance issues that have been heard, he would like to be aware of them and deal with them. He said his job is to manage the staff and make a highly functional team, and he needs to be able to have the ability to coach employees and make performance decisions. He stressed that he welcomes any feedback. Supervisor LaViolette said she would not support this motion, because Mr. Shoup needs time to evaluate, coach, and make recommendations.

Supervisor Lund said he would support the motion, but he said he believes there should be something from Human Resources and the Human Services Director for the November 9th meeting. He said if there is no need to do this at the November 9th meeting, he would definitely change his vote.

Supervisor Fewell said Mr. Shoup wants to have the opportunity to address the management issues and structure in the Human Services Department. Supervisor Fewell said this recommendation did not come from Human Resources and it did not come from the director of the department; and that is where the responsibility lies. Therefore, he will not support this motion.

Motion made by Supervisor Knier and seconded by Supervisor Lund to amend the motion to eliminate the Economic Support Services Manager and take the Economic Services Support responsible for Quality and Training and reclassify to Economic Support Administrator and place it at a Grade 21. Vote taken. Ayes: 4 (Brunette, Evans, Knier, Lund); Nays: 3 (Fewell, LaViolette, Moynihan). MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette and seconded by Supervisor Knier to approve as amended Item 9 and approve Items 9a-d. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Other:

10. Audit of Bills:

Motion made by Supervisor Lund and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to pay the bills. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan and seconded by Supervisor Knier to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Alexander
Recording Secretary

SIGN UP SHEET FOR SPEAKER TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BROWN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICE SUBCOMMITTEE

- ✓1 Christopher Piepenburg
- ✓2 Connie Greenawald
- ✓3 Kate Parizek
- ✓4 Jennifer Alf - Teen Parent Program
- ✓5 Steve Herro
- ✓6 Karen Johnston - Teen Parent Services
- ✓7 Karen Recka - Golden House
- ✓8 Thomas Olejniczak - NEW Community Shelter
- ✓9 Tom Martin - Family Services
- ✓10 ~~Don Zidmutter - Court Unit~~
- ✓11 Bill Evers - welfare Dept
- ✓12 Judge Don Zidmutter
- ✓13 Mike Duer
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- ✓15 Any one else like to speak.
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Teen Parent Program

“Less than half of mothers ... who have a child before they turn 18 ever graduate from high school”

National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, 2006

- 100% of those enrolled and targeted to graduate from high school received their diplomas or GED certificates
 - 85% of enrollees in the program had improved class attendance and were passing all of their classes
- 64% of those who graduated or earned GED obtained employment or were enrolled in secondary education within 6 months

“Every \$1 invested in teen pregnancy prevention saves at least \$2.65 in direct medical and social costs”

Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, March 2006

- 71% of young dads expressed interest in the program and were invited to engage in services
 - Provides presentations to Brown County communities and schools
- Provides weekly asset building activities at Brown County Shelter Care and Marion House

“The daughters of young teen mothers are three times more likely to become teen mothers themselves.”

“The sons of teen mothers are twice as likely to end up in prison.”

National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, 2009

- 100% of those enrolled in the program who were pregnant delivered healthy babies
- Over 50% of the referrals to this program are referred by the Healthy Families program for additional intervention and follow-up services
 - Each year teen pregnancy costs WI taxpayers at least \$156 million, 69% of these costs are born by local communities
 - Early education and support for children born to teen parents is vital to the future of our community
 - Catholic Charities is successful in leveraging county dollars with its own contributions annually to serve birthparents in programs aimed at offering parental support and or adoption for those who choose not to parent (less than 3% make adoption plans)
 - 100% of clients identified as needing AODA or mental health counseling were referred to a counselor
 - 64% of clients needing AODA or mental health counseling met regularly with a program/counselor

Teen Parent Program Outcomes

- 22 families were assisted with childcare expenses (over \$61,000)
 - 7 clients had their GED fees paid (\$350.00)
- 41 clients have been assisted with bus passes or tokens since July 1st 2008.
In 2009 alone, \$3,288.00 has been spent helping teen parents get to school, work and other appointments.

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Trend Information

Table 16. Births to Teens by County of Residence, Wisconsin 1997-2007

County	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	7,088	7,047	7,308	7,077	6,849	6,534	6,317	6,086	6,093	6,100	6,320
Adams	30	28	23	20	23	26	21	24	26	24	27
Ashland	29	17	26	33	19	22	28	10	22	17	22
Barron	60	59	60	45	55	63	47	41	45	50	45
Bayfield	17	11	21	8	14	12	6	13	10	8	11
Brown	278	278	290	332	290	304	300	262	279	276	304
Buffalo	7	7	9	15	12	11	7	7	13	11	9
Burnett	24	14	24	18	23	22	18	16	16	21	15
Calumet	23	36	30	20	33	19	33	31	22	25	22
Chippewa	70	73	87	73	68	62	45	58	56	52	58
Clark	39	43	35	37	36	42	36	37	38	31	36
Columbia	46	60	38	42	42	39	42	44	41	45	42
Crawford	22	21	23	25	22	25	16	13	14	16	13
Dane	328	330	339	382	358	335	306	343	321	325	364
Dodge	93	68	98	100	80	80	79	72	71	77	63
Door	25	19	20	25	21	18	19	17	19	17	14
Douglas	65	57	66	65	53	46	51	44	38	43	44
Dunn	44	47	38	34	40	33	43	34	35	27	46
Eau Claire	105	78	89	85	91	83	89	77	87	82	90
Florence	3	-	2	5	1	4	2	-	1	2	3
Fond du Lac	104	96	120	101	102	91	86	86	102	94	100
Forest	21	19	19	11	17	18	16	14	15	15	12
Grant	50	52	40	47	37	45	55	49	39	35	44
Green	24	23	38	26	31	30	27	28	34	36	31
Green Lake	24	22	14	26	18	19	17	17	16	11	14
Iowa	9	9	18	19	19	21	13	14	16	27	17
Iron	6	1	1	8	1	-	3	4	1	6	1
Jackson	24	26	32	31	21	22	26	29	23	27	26
Jefferson	76	86	88	79	70	83	74	59	85	64	64
Juneau	37	41	41	39	34	37	29	30	23	35	41
Kenosha	246	256	262	245	222	232	228	199	185	211	222
Kewaunee	15	12	18	19	13	17	16	13	13	10	11
La Crosse	104	115	114	81	105	95	108	95	94	103	99
Lafayette	6	10	14	16	20	13	8	19	9	10	13
Langlade	32	27	38	34	30	34	24	24	27	18	31
Lincoln	29	35	33	25	27	33	27	30	23	33	31
Manitowoc	82	94	90	85	80	88	101	76	77	71	81

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**Maria Zehren, Ph.D.
2619 Tirol Court
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54302**

October 21, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Brown County Teen Parent Program. The services this program provides to teens facing an unplanned pregnancy is essential to the teens, their children, their families and the community as a whole. The program has been able to provide scholarships for childcare, transportation, and education for those in need. In addition to providing services to teen mothers the program encourages grandparents and teen fathers to be active members in the children's lives. The case managers are extremely dedicated to the field of intervention and prevention surrounding the issue of teen pregnancy. The Teen Parent Program has been able to assist teens in planning for today and the future. According to the program outcomes, 100% of program participants eligible for graduation received their diploma/GED.

It is important this program continues to receive adequate funding from the county to continue to provide exceptional services because the issue of teen pregnancy affects the community as a whole. In addition to providing services to teen parents, the program has implemented abstinence presentations in Green Bay Schools to provide abstinence education to all students.

As a supporter of Catholic Charities and the Teen Parent Program and as a member of the Brown County Department of Human Services advisory board, I appreciate the committee making the recommendation to continue adequate funding in this program.

Sincerely,

Maria Zehren, Ph.D.

Maria Zehren, Ph.D.

October 20, 2009

Human Services Committee
Brown County Board



GREEN BAY AREA
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
All learning. All growing.

Dear Human Services Committee Members,

One of the most important goals of a teen parent is to graduate from high school. Statistics show that most teen parents will drop out of school and never go on to receive post secondary training. Those statistics reflect the many obstacles teen parents must overcome to obtain that important diploma. One of the biggest obstacles to their success in school is the need for quality child care for their children.

The Catholic Charities Teen Parent Program, funded with money from the Brown County Human Services Department, has been successfully working with teen parents in Brown County to find appropriate child care and to assist with funding that care so these young parents can attend school. There are many students in my classroom who would not be able to attend regularly without the help of the outstanding case managers at Catholic Charities. In addition to addressing child care needs, case managers meet regularly with my students to teach self advocacy, parenting, and employability skills. The one on one attention they offer to my students supports what I am teaching in the classroom, and tailors learning to their individual needs.

A reduction in funding Catholic Charities Teen Parent Services means a reduction in the services Catholic Charities can provide. That will impede students' ability to attend school, earn credits and continue on to post secondary training. Education is key to the future financial stability of these teen parents and their children. Please consider restoring full funding to this essential community program.

Sincerely,

Jean Herman
Teen Age Parent Program Teacher

Lisa Pagel Halverson
School Social Worker

Edward Dorff
Principal

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Associate Principal

Tim Flood
Activities Director

Comments - ALF



Adolescent Parenting Coalition, Inc.

October 20, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Pregnant and parenting teens face unique challenges. While still going through the maturation process themselves they must also raise a child. Most struggle with the role of parenting while still growing and developing as individuals. Support and assistance is needed to enable parenting teens to succeed. Failure to support them in this role impacts on both the teen and their dependent child.

The Catholic Charities Teen Parent Program, funded with money from the Brown County Human Services Department, has outstanding staff. They are highly professional, dedicated to serving the teen population and very effective in working with other providers in the community. The services they provide enable teens to identify and access needed community resources, complete their high school education and learn how to be effective parents. The program has demonstrated effectiveness.

We believe the potential for fundraising to support this program is limited. Teen pregnancy is a sensitive issue and not attractive to potential donors. It is unlikely the Teen Parent Program would be able to exist without the support of Brown County. Please consider restoring the needed funding to keep this program viable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Reva Shaw'.

Reva Shaw
Board Member
Brown County Adolescent Parenting Coalition

Comments - ALF



N.E.W. Community Clinic

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Tony Lee and I am the Health Benefits Coordinator for the N.E.W. Community Clinic. Many of my clients that I see are pregnant teens and I am writing this letter in support of Catholic Charities' Teen Parent Program. It has come to my attention that their budget for 2010 is going to be drastically lowered, which in turn, may limit their abilities to help new, young and sometime scared "future" parents. I know, first hand, that teen parenting programs are a vital part of our community and Brown County needs a fully funded Catholic Charities' Teen Parent Program. With the pregnant teen numbers rising in our area, it is my belief, that there should be options and opportunities for them. A lesser funded Teen Parent Program may inhibit Catholic Charities' abilities in reaching out to and helping those in need.

Thank you for your time,

Tony Lee

N.E.W. Community Clinic

Health Benefits Access Coordinator

920-437-9773

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Pulaski High School

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October, 27, 2009

To: Brown County Human Services Committee

From: Pulaski High School Nurse, Administration, and Student Service Staff


It has come to our attention that the proposed budget for the Brown County Teen Parent Program will be decreased from approximately \$183,000 to a mere \$63,900 for 2010. This is very disappointing news, and a great concern to us. As a school district, we understand the struggles of budget restrictions, and the fine line and balance between the need to serve a community and manage a budget. We are concerned that the loss of services this budget cut may cause will have a significant negative impact on the teen parents as well as their children, affecting them now as well as the outcome of their futures.

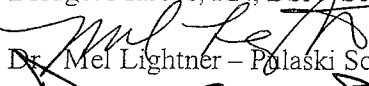
The Brown County Teen Parent Program has been a priceless, exceptional resource for some of our students. As a rural community with a large school population, local resources are limited. Your program has provided help in areas that our teen parents have not been able to find resources and support in otherwise. Because of your program and resources, many of our teen parents have been able to return to school after having a child and get a diploma. It seems when no one else can help, your program is there. The services this program provides are priceless, and not only help improve the life and future of our students who use it, but also improve the long term outcomes and wellness for their children. The independent living skills and healthy relationship support are a gift they can utilize for the rest of their adult lives.

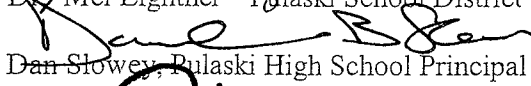
Without ALL of the services the Teen Parent Program has been providing, some teen parents will be without a strong support system, lose opportunity to learn healthy parenting and relationship techniques, and may be forced to drop out of school. Spending the money to maintain the resources to help them now is an investment to their independence in the future, and hopefully will help avoid their being dependent on the financial support of the counties and state in the future.

We hope that you reconsider the planned decrease in the budget for the Teen Parent Program.

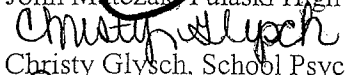
Respectfully,


Bridget Marbes, RN, BSN, School Nurse



Dr. Mel Lightner - Pulaski School District Superintendent


Dan Slowey, Pulaski High School Principal


John Matczak, Pulaski High School Principal


Christy Glysch, School Psychologist


Dan Jung - Pulaski High School Counselor


Terry Manning - Pulaski High School Counselor

Katie Sukow - Pulaski High School Counselor


Kati Sukow

Michelle Powers - Family and Consumer Ed Teacher


John Matczak

Daniel Slowey

Dexter McNabb

Jerad Marsh

Kevin Deering

Principal

Principal

Associate Principal

Athletic Director

Activities Director

BROWN COUNTY WELFARE FRAUD

At a time when our taxes are going up and we are supporting hundreds of illegal immigrants the acting director of the welfare department, Tom Egbrecht, wants to eliminate the fraud investigation unit. In addition, the Brown County Welfare Department has an unwritten policy that forbids the staff from making inquiries into the applicant's legal status. In other words, the policy makes at the BC Welfare Dept. are encouraging fraud and should be charge criminally, as a party to the crime, when fraud occurs.

Here is just one example of flagrant welfare fraud that went unchecked because of the BC Welfare Dept policies that prohibit the staff from making inquiries into the applicant's legal status and prohibiting the fraud investigation unit from doing their job.

A married couple calling themselves Daysi Pizana and David Estrada moved to Green Bay from California along with there parents. From what we have been able to find out they were all illegal immigrants that went on welfare. Daysi Pizana got a job at Encarda Staffing Solutions, 1100 W. Mason St. Green Bay, WI. 54303 where she hired other illegal immigrants for Georgia Pacific. One of them was her husband David Estrada. Her supervisors name was Marie Sotillo.

From information obtained later they were making about \$8000 per month in wages, collecting welfare, and trafficking in drugs. Also, based on information we obtained it appears they were using credit cards under their fictitious names to purchase whatever they wanted.

Eventually they bought a house at 1817 Burns, Green Bay, WI. 54303. Based on information we believe is accurate they used \$13,000 in cash for the down payment. To do this they apparently opened an account at a Wells Fargo Bank in their uncle's name, Jose Alvarado, 6613 Wynne Ave, Roseda, CA. They also owned 4 vehicles, SUV, Trucks, and Vans. When they moved into their new home they purchased all new furniture as per Daysi's statement. As of 7/26/09 they are still living in the same house and still have four vehicles. With David in jail and Daysi pregnant again and unemployed who is paying for this continuing lifestyle and medical bills? I'll tell you who; it's you and me and they are living better then some of our police officers and firemen.

It appears that Joe Alvarado did not actually participate in the purchase because when talking to the mortgage lender we were told that Daysi had a power of attorney from Joe Alvarado to sign all documents needed to complete the loan and purchase.

When Daysi Pizana and David Estrada moved out of the rental property to move into their new home they trashed the unit they were living in. They smashed a hole in the bathroom sink, tore wall tiles off, put burn marks in the carpet and left the freezer doors allowing the meat inside to rot. Among the rotten meat were 4 tenderloin strips priced between \$25.00 and \$30.00 each. Your tax dollars at work folks. The total damages to clean and repair the unit came to about \$2,500.

The landlords started a small claims action to recover damages but even after getting a judgment against Jose Alarodo, Raquel Alvarado, David Estrada, and Daysi Pizana they refused to pay. Finally the landlords filed a Lis Pendins against their new home to start a foreclosure action they agreed to pay. When they appeared before the bank notary to have the release signed Daysi Pizana took the \$2,500 in cash from her purse but had the receipt for the money made out to her nephew.

During the legal proceedings the landlord discovered that these people were committing welfare fraud and reported it.

The welfare fraud investigator then discovered that they were all illegal immigrants and sent the information to the district attorney. The district attorney then discovered their true names and found that there were outstanding felony warrants against them for drug trafficking.

They are now charged as and with:

Raquel Sanchez; Brown County Case Number 2009CF000846

Count No. Statute Description Severity

1 49.95(1)(e) PubAssist-Fraud/Benefits (>\$5000-10,000) Felony H

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2 49.95(1)(c) PubAssist-Fraud/Get Benefit(>\$1000-2000) Misd. U

Alfonso Sanchez-Rodriguez; Brown County Case Number 2009CF000848
Count No. Statute Description Severity

1 49.95(1)(e) PubAssist-Fraud/Benefits (>\$5000-10,000) Felony H

2 49.95(1)(c) PubAssist-Fraud/Get Benefit(>\$1000-2000) Misd. U

Alfonso is also being held on a felony warrant for drug trafficking.

They are both being represented by the public defenders office at taxpayer expense although an investigation will show that they have equity in their home, vehicles, and personal property at 1817 Burns, Green Bay, WI. 54303

The bottom line folks is that this taxpayer rip off could have been prevented if the Brown County Welfare Department had conducted a meaningful background check of every applicant that shows up for benefits. Illegal immigrants are not entitled to any benefits be it welfare, housing, or legal representation. The way we operate is equivalent to saying it is OK to break into our house and now that you're in it you are entitled to eat our food, sleep in our bed, take our money, and we'll also pay for your medical care.

It's time the Brown County Board stop letting the tail wag the dog and started implementing rules to require citizenship documentation before handing out benefits and giving the fraud department independent authority to investigate and prosecute fraud. Sure it will cost money but how much is it costing us now in outright theft and fraud. A few meaningful prosecutions and deportations will send a message to the other illegal aliens here that you can no longer steal from the Brown County Taxpayers.

COMMENTS-EVER

October 28, 2009

Dear Members of the Brown County Human Services Committee:

My name is Steve Herro, I live at 1016 N. Broadway, De Pere. I presently serve the Catholic Church as Chair of the Justice and Peace Committee of St. Norbert Abbey and Social Concerns Director of the Diocese of Green Bay. I am speaking to oppose the proposed subsidy cuts for Golden House, New Community Shelter, and the Catholic Charities Teen Parenting program.

I have been an active representative to the Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition for the last six years. Representatives from Golden House and New Community Shelter attest every month on census levels. I know from experience that both agencies are expanding services outside of the immediate shelter and that their own overnight capacity levels are being pushed. Furthermore, my service on the Brown County United Way Community Access Resource Impact Council confirms that 21% of all calls place to our County's 2-1-1 service, Jan.-Sept. 2009, were related to homelessness. Furthermore, we know that both of these programs are subject to possible cuts from their Brown County United Way; the United Way campaign is down 10-15 from last year. We must not cut County funding subsidy levels for these two agencies.

I also believe that Brown County must maintain 2009 funding levels for the teen parenting program. How can the County cut its subsidy level 65% in one year? Data collected by Catholic Charities shows that 100 percent of the families served delivered healthy babies and that 71 percent of fathers expressed an interest in the program and its services. One hundred percent of those teens served received their high school diplomas or GED. The program is necessary to insure that families served do not become trapped in a cycle of poverty.

Brown County can afford to maintain subsidy levels for these human services. Per Chairman Evan's interview in today's *Green Bay Press Gazette*, we know that there is a \$3.5 million cushion between the proposed Brown County budget and the state mandated levy limit. Maintaining human services in our county is the moral and fiscally prudent action to take. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Br. Steven J. Herro, O. Praem.

Br. Steven J. Herro, O. Praem.
1016 N. Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115

Comments - Herro

To: Human Services Committee of Brown County

Date: 10/28/09

From: Jackie Thiry

Subject: 65% Cut in Catholic Charities Teen Parent Program

I am asking for a significant restoration of Brown County funds to the Teen Parent Program. There is evidence that this program is meeting the goals of self-sufficiency of the teen parent through graduation from school and gainful employment. 100% of those enrolled received their high school diploma or GED certificate. Of these, 64% were enrolled in secondary education or were employed within six months. It is a proven fact that without an education, most of these teens will face a life of poverty. The teen program also teaches parenting skills, which are vital to the well being of children born to teen parents. This community can care for the unfortunate among us by giving them a chance to succeed in life. Do not take their hope away.

Jackie Thiry
1600 Rustic Oaks Ct. #8
Green Bay, WI 54301

COMMENTS - THIRY

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW OR DELETED POSITIONS
DURING THE 2010 BUDGET PROCESS
(Human Services Department)

WHEREAS, a New Position or Position Deletion Request was submitted by the Human Services Department during the 2010 budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department has reviewed the request with the department; and

WHEREAS, the department has justified an increase in workload to support the new positions or has identified positions to be eliminated from the table of organization;

WHEREAS, the Human Services Department further recommends the deletion of (.50) FTE Staff Development Coordinator, (2.0) FTE Social Worker/Case Manager, (1.0) FTE Clerk I, (1.0) FTE Staff RN and (1.0) FTE Records Management Clerk.

Staff Development Coordinator	(.50)	DELETION
Social Worker/Case Manager	(2.00)	DELETION
Clerk I	(1.00)	DELETION
Staff RN	(1.00)	DELETION
Records Management Clerk	(1.00)	DELETION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Brown County Board of Supervisors that the following changes to the table of organization requested through the 2010 budget process be effective January 1, 2010.

Fiscal Impact Salary and Fringe Benefits

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Addition/ Deletion</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Fringe</u>	<u>Total</u>
Staff Development Coordinator	(.50)	Deletion	\$(21,901)	\$(10,707)	\$(32,608)
Social Worker/Case Manager	(2.00)	Deletion	\$(116,764)	\$(51,998)	\$(168,762)
Clerk I	(1.00)	Deletion	\$(29,290)	\$(20,364)	\$(49,654)
Staff RN	(1.00)	Deletion	\$(57,264)	\$(25,782)	\$(83,046)
Records Management Clerk	(1.00)	Deletion	\$(31,491)	\$(20,789)	\$(52,280)

**Total Fiscal Impact
(Human Services Department)**

\$(256,710) \$(129,640) \$(386,350)

Respectfully submitted,

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Approved By:

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date Signed: _____

Final Draft Approved by Corporation Counsel

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROLL CALL # _____

Motion made by Supervisor _____

Seconded by Supervisor _____

SUPERVISOR NAMES	DIST. #	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN
WARPINSKI	1			
DE WANE	2			
NICHOLSON	3			
THEISEN	4			
KRUEGER	5			
HAEFS	6			
ERICKSON	7			
BRUNETTE	8			
ZIMA	9			
EVANS	10			
VANDER LEEST	11			
JOHNSON	12			
DANTINNE, JR	13			

SUPERVISOR NAMES	DIST. #	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN
LA VIOLETTE	14			
ANDREWS	15			
KASTER	16			
KNIER	17			
WILLIAMS	18			
FLECK	19			
CLANCY	20			
WETZEL	21			
MOYNIHAN	22			
SCRAY	23			
HOEFT	24			
LUND	25			
FEWELL	26			

Total Votes Cast _____

Motion: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Tabled _____